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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER GHANDI SENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO FRELIMO
PRESIDENT MACHEL

1. AMBASSADOR HAD USEFUL DEBRIEFING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12,
FROM JAGAT MEHTA, SENT TO DAR BY PRIME MINISTER GHANDI WITH
A MESSAGE FOR FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL.

2. MRS. GHANDI OFFERED INDIA'S CONGRATULATIONS TO FRELIMO
FOR ITS LIBSCATION VICTORY IN MOZAMBIQUE. GREETING WAS
SENT "AS ONE NATION TO ANOTHER WHICH WILL SHARE THE SAME
OCEAN." MEHTA, A SENIOR OFFICIAL IN INDIA'S FOREIGN
MINISTRY, FORMERLY SERVED IN DAR AS HIS COUNTRY'S HIGH
COMMISSIONER.

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3. MEHTA HAD LENGTHY SESSION WITH MACHEL BUT GOI OFFICIAL

SAID MUCH OF DISCUSSION WAS LED BY MACHEL IN WHICH HE DESCRIBED EVENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE, MEHTA SAID THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION ABOUT SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE PROPOSALS, "AFTER ALL, WHAT COULD INDIA OFFER?" MEHTA TOLD THE AMBASSADOR, WHILE THERE WERE INDIANS FROM GOA WHO SPOKE PORTUGUESE, HE SAW LANGUAGE AS BEING SOMEWHAT OF A BARRIER FOR ANY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OR TRAINING INDIA MIGHT OFFER. MEHTA UNDERScoreD INDIA'S FINANCIAL LIMITATIONS IN THE DEBRIEFING BUT VOLUNTEERED HIS COUNTRY MIGHT BE PREPARED OFFER "THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS" FOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS CONTEMPLATED BY MORE SUBSTANTIAL DONORS.

4. VISITING OFFICIAL TOLD AMBASSADOR DISCUSSION PRIMARILY BILATERAL AND NO COMMENTS AROSE ABOUT ROLES OF WESTERN OR BLOC NATIONS. IN ADDITION TO MACHEL MEETING, MEHTA ALSO HAD LUNCHEON WITH MARCELINO DOS SANTOS. MEHTA WILL NOT BE VISITING LOURENCO MARQUES AT THIS TIME.

5. COMMENT: MEETING SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN OF COURTESY NATURE BUT GOI DID NOT LOSE OPPORTUNITY TO GET IN EARLY LICKS TO FURTHER COHESION OF LITTORAL STATES ON ZONE OF PEACE CONCEPT. END COMMENT.

6. MEANWHILE, LAST WEEK FINNISH AMBASSADOR PRESENTED A \$26 THOUSAND CHECK TO MACHEL FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES IN MOZAMBIQUE. FINNISH AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT THIS SUM HAD BEEN BUDGETED FOR CY-74 PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT BUT THIS FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE PRESENTATION TO FRELIMO. RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE ADVISES THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WILL TURN OVER TO NEW MOZAMBIKAN GOVERNMENT IN 1975 APPROXIMATELY \$18 MILLION.
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